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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on March 2, 2009 (March 1, 2009 being a Sunday), this response is timely filed and a Request for Extension of Time should not be necessary. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office should deem an extension of time to be necessary, the undersigned authorizes the charge of any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.